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What is claimed is:

- 1. A method of treating cancer in a mammal comprising administering an aqueous solution comprising a stabilized chlorite matrix.
- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said cancer is characterized by a reduced expression of the DCC protein.
- 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of colon carcinoma, gastric carcinoma, esophageal carcinoma, rectal carcinoma, pancreatic carcinoma, prostate carcinoma, glioma and neuroblastoma.
- 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said stabilized chlorite matrix increases the expression of DCC in macrophages.
 - 5. A method of treating cancer in a mammal comprising:
 - (a) removing macrophages from the mammal;
- (b) contacting the macrophages with an effective amount of an aqueous solution comprising a stabilized chlorite matrix under conditions sufficient to increase the expression of DCC on the macrophages; and
- (c) introducing the macrophages from step (b) back into the mammal.
- 6. The method of claim 5, wherein said cancer is characterized by a reduced expression of the DCC protein.

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7. The method of claim 6, wherein the cancer is selected from the group consisting of colon carcinoma, gastric carcinoma, esophageal carcinoma, rectal carcinoma, pancreatic carcinoma, prostate carcinoma, glioma and neuroblastoma.